CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicted below:

1-103. (Canceled)

104. (Currently Amended) A method implemented by a television set-top-terminal ("STT") configured to receive a video program from a remote server, the method comprising:

storing by the STT a plurality of streams corresponding to the video program from the remote server, the plurality of streams including a first set of streams and a supplementary data stream that is different than the streams in the first set of streams, the first set of streams including at least an audio stream and a video stream, the supplementary data stream corresponding to supplementary information;

providing a first selectable option to receive the video program from a plurality of video programs;

receiving a first viewer input from a viewer, the first viewer input being configured to select the first selectable option;

responsive to receiving the first viewer input, providing a second selectable option to receive the supplementary data stream in the STT, wherein the second selectable option is first provided after receipt of the first viewer input and as a direct result of receiving the first user input, wherein the second selectable option is associated with an option to display on-screen comments, and wherein the supplementary data stream comprises on-screen comments, the on-screen comments including comments from a director, a producer, an actor, a critic, and at least one other viewer;

receiving a second viewer input from the viewer responsive to providing the second selectable option;

responsive to receiving the second viewer input corresponding to selecting the second selectable option,

providing a third selectable option to select on-screen comments from one of a director, a producer, an actor, a critic, and at least one other viewer,

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receiving a third viewer input from the viewer responsive to providing the third selectable option,

communicating with the remote server by the STT via a first transmission frequency channel to receive the plurality of streams,

receiving a respective sequential portion of each stream in the plurality of streams substantially simultaneously via a tuner in the STT tuned to the first transmission frequency channel,

storing the sequential portions of the supplementary data stream and each stream in the first set of streams into respective sections of a memory in the STT, and

presenting the sequential portions of the supplementary data stream and the audio stream and the video stream of the video program in the first set of streams in their respective decoded form simultaneously at a plurality of respective time intervals corresponding to respective portions of the video program; and

responsive to receiving the second viewer input corresponding to a viewer input that is different than a viewer input corresponding to selecting the second selectable option,

receiving a respective sequential portion of each stream in the plurality of streams substantially simultaneously via a tuner in the STT tuned to the first transmission frequency channel,

rejecting the supplementary data stream at the STT,

storing the sequential portions of each stream of the first set of streams into respective sections of the memory in the STT, and

presenting the sequential portions of the audio stream and the video stream of the video program of the first set of streams in their respective decoded form simultaneously at a plurality of respective time intervals corresponding to respective portions of the video program [[;]]

~~wherein the second selectable option is associated with an option to display on-screen comments; and~~

~~wherein the supplementary data stream comprises on-screen comments, the on-screen comments including comments from at least one other viewer.~~

105.   (Canceled)

106.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein presenting the supplementary data stream during the plurality of respective time intervals corresponds to the appearance time of a visual object contained in the video program.

107.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein presenting the sequential portions of the supplementary data stream at a plurality of respective time intervals corresponding to respective portions of the video program includes presenting a time-synchronized composition of the supplementary data stream and the video program according to time stamp specifications.

108.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 107, wherein at least a portion of the supplementary data stream and at least the respective sequential portion of each stream in the plurality of streams are presented by the STT as a television signal.

109.   (Canceled)

110.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein the video program comprises a video-on-demand ("VOD") program established over a dedicated network session between the remote server and the STT.

111.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein at least a portion of the supplementary data stream and at least a respective portion of each stream in the first set of streams are received substantially simultaneously by the STT from a single tuned transmission channel via the tuner in the STT.

112.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 111, wherein the transmission frequency channel is a radio-frequency channel with a specified center frequency, wherein data carried in the transmission channel is modulated via quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM).

113. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein the supplementary data stream, audio stream, and video stream are encrypted and transmitted over the same transmission frequency channel.

114. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein presenting the sequential portions of the supplementary data stream at a plurality of respective time intervals is in relation to a starting point in the video program, the starting point being a video chapter.

115. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein at least one portion of the supplementary data stream is associated with and presented during a first interval and a second interval of the presentation of the video program.

116-118. (Canceled)

119. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein responsive to receiving the second viewer input corresponding to selecting the second selectable option further comprises:

configuring a rental viewing period and the initial transmission to the STT of the video program and the supplementary data stream via the first transmission frequency channel;

receiving the initial transmission of the video program and the supplementary data stream in the STT during the rental viewing period via a tuner in the STT tuned to the first transmission frequency channel; and

presenting a respective portion of the initial transmission of the video program and the supplementary data stream simultaneously at a plurality of respective time intervals corresponding to respective portions of the video program.

120. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein the video program corresponds to a single consumable version of the video program in the remote server, the

consumable version of the video program corresponding to the released form of the video program, the plurality of streams corresponding to an entirety of the stored video program.

121. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, wherein the first selectable option is associated with a video title.

122. (Canceled)

123. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 104, further comprising:

responsive to receiving the second viewer input corresponding to selecting the second selectable option,

presenting an indication that the option to display ~~pop-up~~ on-screen comments has been activated,

receiving a third viewer input for de-activating the ~~pop-up~~ on-screen comments, and

rejecting the supplementary data stream at the STT.

124. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 104, further comprising:

responsive to receiving the second viewer input corresponding to a viewer input that is different than a viewer input corresponding to selecting the second selectable option,

presenting an indication that the option to display ~~pop-up~~ on-screen comments has been de-activated,

receiving a third viewer input for activating the ~~pop-up~~ on-screen comments, and

presenting the sequential portions of the originally rejected supplementary data stream in its decoded form at a plurality of respective time intervals corresponding to respective portions of the video program.

125. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 104, further comprising enabling the viewer to add comments.

126. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 125, further comprising:

receiving and storing comments added by the viewer; and

transmitting the comments added by the viewer to the remote server after the sequential portions of the supplementary data stream and the audio stream and video stream of the video program have been presented.